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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - COP15 CONFERENCE

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Most Thursday morning papers gave top play to Wednesday's meeting between key cabinet ministers and DPJ senior officials, during which the DPJ submitted to the GOJ a set of requests for the fiscal 2010 budget.

¶2. "Do Not Give Up On New Protocol That Includes U.S. and China" The business-oriented Nikkei editorialized (12/17): "Negotiations to form a new international framework to prevent global warming have run into difficulties at the COP15 meeting in Copenhagen. Developed nations, including Japan and European countries, have been looking for a new protocol to serve as a successor to the Kyoto Protocol that includes nations such as the U.S., China, and India. However, emerging and developing nations have been insisting on the extension of the Kyoto accord.... We hope that Japan and other developed nations will not give up on establishing a new agreement but instead will persist with negotiations. Based on the principle of 'common but differentiated responsibilities,' which has been agreed upon by the international community, it is necessary to obligate all of the developed nations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and call on emerging nations to make efforts to cut their emissions under the same agreement."

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